

(Washington, DC)- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) was reappointed today to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. The House Armed Services Committee retains jurisdiction of all subjects listed in clause 1(c) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives and retains exclusive jurisdiction for: defense policy generally, ongoing military operations, the organization and reform of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy, counter-drug programs, acquisition and industrial base policy, technology transfer and export controls, joint interoperability, the Cooperative Threat Reduction program, Department of Energy nonproliferation programs, and detainee affairs and policy.

Ryan was a member of the powerful Armed Services Committee during the last round of Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) hearings, the process that the Pentagon used to identify military bases for closing. In cooperation with the local community, Ryan used his seat to protect the Youngstown Air Reserve Station from closure, protecting 2,000 full and part time jobs and an annual investment of \$100 million into the economy.

**“Our country buys one billion dollars worth of oil a day from oil producing countries that use that money to undermine America. □ Our nation’s military is the largest user of fossil fuels in the world and our reliance on foreign oil has become a major national security issue for America.”** said Congressman Ryan. **“This assignment gives me an ideal platform to not only continue my work to bring Defense industry jobs back to the 17<sup>th</sup>**

**District, but will also allow me to help facilitate the integration of green technologies into the military and into mainstream America.□ As the military becomes more energy independent it will drive innovation and product development for the non-military markets as well.□ These investments will lead to thousands of new jobs being created in America.□ I will work hard to make sure those jobs are created in Northeast Ohio.□ I want our area to lead the green revolution just like we led the industrial revolution.□ We need to create wealth for our citizens.□ We can do that if these new products are not only invented in Ohio, but more importantly manufactured and produced here. ”**

In the fall of 2010, Ryan worked with the Youngstown-Warren and Great Akron Chambers of Commerce to do a tour of the district's educational and industrial capabilities for prime defense contractors. The tour highlighted regional research and development, commercialization and innovative technologies from Youngstown State University, Kent State University, the University of Akron, NEOUCOM, the Youngstown Business Incubator, the Akron Business Accelerator, and a number of local business partners.

Congressman Ryan will be serving on Emerging Threats and Capabilities and Readiness Subcommittees on the House Armed Services Committee.

**Readiness Subcommittee** is responsible for the single largest account within DOD's budget. It oversees military readiness, training, logistics and maintenance issues and programs, military construction, installations and family housing issues, and the BRAC process. It also oversees civilian personnel, energy security, and environmental issues that affect DOD. The Readiness Subcommittee makes sure that our troops are properly trained and their equipment is properly maintained so they can succeed in their missions, and that they have the facilities and services they deserve when they return home.

**Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee** is responsible for overseeing counter-terrorism programs and initiatives and counterproliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Additionally, this subcommittee oversees U.S. Special Operations Forces, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), information technology and programs, force protection policy and oversight, and related intelligence support. It makes sure that our nation is protected against terrorist attacks and unconventional threats.

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